

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-16, 18-19, and 23-27.

Reference labels have been deleted from the claims to broaden the claims.

In claims 1 and 12, it is clear in the limitations of "calculating the magnitude of a discontinuity in continuity counter values resulting from the linking of said edit points ... generating a corresponding number of additional transport packets" in view of the specification at page 6, lines 26-27, that the number of additional transport packets corresponds to the discontinuity in continuity counter values. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended just to make this explicit.

Grammatical errors in the claims have been corrected.

In response to the objections to claims 17, 20-22 and 38-39, the claims have been amended above to correct the informalities.

None of the amendments are required by statute for allowance of the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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